

Consider proposed mandatory engineering standards for equipment manufactured for the Amateur Radio Service to be detrimental to the long term ability of amateur radio to serve the country during emergencies. Over half of the youth that our emergency communications organization has trained over the last 3 years that have earned amateur radio license have been unable to afford the purchase of amateur radio equipment. The proposed changes will make equipment only more expensive and bulky. As a home builder of equipment that uses surface mount components (many salvaged from discarded commercial products) repair of current equipment only requires one to refine ones skills and learn some new ones. As far as field repair of equipment, stocking spare units that can be put into service immediately makes better sense during emergency operations. The existing kit suppliers meet the needs of those who like to build and service there own equipment.

Request that this proposal be denied.

Thank you,

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